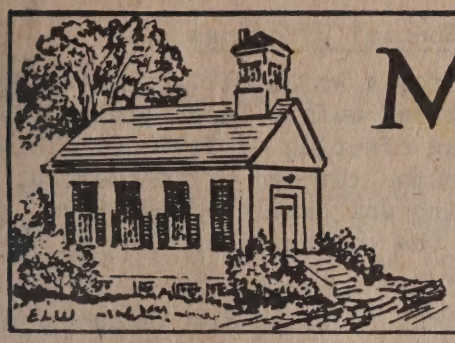

MONTEREY NEWS

January 1982

Wood Safety Presentation

On Thursday, January 7, the Monterey Energy Project in cooperation with the Monterey Fire Department presented a program on wood safety. The Fire Department showed a film about using wood and wood stoves. Afterwards, Chief Ray Tryon and local chimney sweep Larry Bates fielded questions from the audience. Among many important points was this one: Anyone using a wood stove to heat his home must have both an inspection and a permit from the fire department before his fire insurance will be valid.

Free Movies in Monterey

The Monterey Library assisted by the Monterey Energy Project will offer another free family movie on January 21 at 7:30 p.m. The movie, "Alphabet Conspiracy" is an animated film produced by the Bell Telephone Company about the imagined disastrous results of the abolishment of the alphabet. Refreshments will be available for sale. The film is about 55 minutes long.

The next film is planned for February 4. No title yet.

Bulletin Board Recap

According to Wayne Dunlop, fathomless source of information on the Community Bulletin Board, the situation now requires a Tryon Construction Company backhoe, not only to remove the mountains of snow heaped on the hapless structure, but also to lift it up in the air and set it on his footings. Waiting for Tryon to come, as many townspeople know, requires both patience and faith, but, those self-same people assure prospective bulletin-posters, when he comes, he does an impeccable job. Friends and family of the Bulletin Board can only hope it will be soon.

Town Report Committee Request

Reports from all Officers, Boards, Commissions and Committees are now due. The period to be covered is July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981. Please leave your reports for the Town Report Committee in the Town offices, or give it to any member of the Committee. If any questions, please phone 528-1443.

Recycling Committee

(This report was created by Michelle Miller for the League of Women Voters of Central Berkshire. Next month we will give an update on the study of the Monterey Landfill by Brown & Associates of Pittsfield).

Do you Watch Television? Wear a watch? Drive a Car? or take Pictures? If you do, then you benefit directly from processes which produce hazardous waste. What makes it hazardous? Wastes are defined as hazardous when they can be described as ignitable, corrosive, toxic and/or reactive. They include oils, solvents, acids and alkalis, sludges and chemicals. When improperly handled, the have polluted soil, air and water and caused serious health problems.

Where do they come from? Cyanides are a by-product of TV-set manufacture; acids result from watchmaking; waste motor oil is just one hazardous waste resulting from the use of autos; and photo-processing chemicals contain heavy metals and formaldehydes. All aspects of our modern life, even food, clothing and shelter, depend on processes which produce hazardous wastes.

Where are they now? Although methods do exist for reducing, neutralizing, detoxifying and otherwise protecting our environment from these wastes, it has often

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OUR CHURCHES

CATHOLIC CHURCHES
Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Mill River
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Worship and Regular Meetings

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at the parsonage. Meditation and prayer Thursdays 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited to join us. Prayer group Thursdays 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lucy Smith.

Annual Meeting - January 17

The Annual Meeting of the Monterey United Church of Christ will be held on Sunday, January 17. It begins during the morning worship with the minister's report. Then the other reports will follow. Election of officers and passing of the budget will also be a part of the meeting.

Members who cannot attend are encouraged to send a message to Mrs. Jean Stowell in Monterey, the Clerk, who will then convey it to the meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting a pot-luck dinner will be enjoyed.

Report on Special Offerings

The Fast for a World Harvest offering on the Thursday before Thanksgiving resulted in an offering of $178.00. This was distributed through Oxfam-America. This offering was participated in by several in the community as well as the Church.

The Christmas offering for Veterans of the Cross, providing an emergency fund for retired ministers and missionaries brought a sum of $230.17.

COMMUNITY DINNER

THE COMMUNITY DINNER IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 AT 6:30. A SLIDE SHOW OF SUMMER FLOWERS FROM WANDA BEARCE'S GARDEN WILL DELIGHT THE WINTER EYE.

GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange # 291 met December 19th for its Annual Christmas Party. 17 members and 1 visitor and 14 non-members enjoyed a variety program furnished by members and visitors, which consisted of musical selections by Robin and Lori Bacon, W. Raymond Ward and Tillie Butler, a vocal selection by Jessica Thorn a Quiz game-readings by members, a skit by R. Hardisty and Tommy Thorn, closing with the Grange Christmas Worship Service with Rev. W. Raymond Ward, acting Pastor Charles Knight, Mary Ward, Patricia Hardisty and Tille Butler taking part and all singing Silent Night.

A delicious covered dish supper and gift exchange concluded the evening. In spite of bad traveling and stormy weather, it was an enjoyable evening. Next meeting will be on January 6.

Fraternally, Mary Wallace

DILEMMAS OF BEING HUMAN: Life as Transition

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

When we pass from an old year into a new one we find ourselves spending a few nostalgic moments looking back over our shoulders to the year that is past -- and looking with hope or fear to the year that is unfolding. The mood doesn't last long and in a few days it is largely forgotten. Still there is something to be said for looking at our lives as being in transition. It helps to explain somethings that otherwise don't make much sense.

It has been my privilege during the past year to work with a young woman who has what is commonly referred to as multiple personalities. Each personality apparently has a life of its own. When a particular personality is in control it is as though the other personalities are not known or remembered. This person's various personalities are most easily recognized as different stages of what she experienced in the process of growing up. One might question how all these different manifestations could come from one person. Yet when all the personalities are seen as different phases of one life it begins to make a lot of sense.

Consider with me the high drama of adolescence. How awesome to be in this amazing period in which one is half child and half adult. No wonder it is usually the most turbulent period in a person's life. From one moment to another, one is thrown back and forth between child-like impulses and adult desires. Many adults, given the opportunity to work with children, adolescents or adults shy strongly away from this in-between state called adolescence. I wonder why? Do they have some faint memories of their own that frightens them when remembering this tumultuous period of transition?

This is not an article on adolescence. The point I am making is that transitions are scary times for humans. Perceptions change. The ground one is standing on seems to shift. The rules of the game seem to change right in the middle of the game. Something we thought was fixed shifts before our very eyes. We are perplexed, confused -- yes, and scared.

Increasingly, I am looking at the whole flow of our lives as a continuous stream of transitions. From the day of our birth we are caught up in an unending series of changes. We are not "crazy" or "screwed-up" or "sick" nearly so much as we are in the perfectly normal process of moving through transitions -- one after another, during the whole event we call <u>life</u>.

Understandably there is confusion. There is a mixing up of signals. There is the sense of getting lost. We feel like we missed some sign, some turn in the road. And unfortunately we may get to running ourselves down and calling ourselves any number of bad names. This is a tragedy, for all the bad names we call ourselves simply slows us down in getting at the true source of our difficulty.

For each of us life is a drama, the dimensions of which are much vaster than we can see or comprehend. We didn't set the conditions. We didn't even have much to do with the stage settings. Some of us suppose that there is a purpose, a meaning in the various transitions we pass through. Something much larger than we can grasp is going on around us and in us. Some of us also suppose that the attitude with which to approach the whole endeavor is one of faith and courage. Somehow it gives us the nerve to go on even when we thought we had ruined the whole act. As we go on we discover we were just going through a foggy bottom. The road still pursued may take us to heights we cannot now see or imagine.

From year to year the holiday celebrations repeat themselves. We light the big Norway spruce back of the Main House, sing carols, take part in the Christmas play and the manger scene at the barn or just enjoy them. We share in Open House-at the Smiths, Christmas night and at the Burkholders on New Years Day. We welcome relatives and friends. We eat a delicious candlelight supper Christmas Eve and a fine turkey dinner Christmas Day. We attend services here and in Monterey. We remember people in need in the neighborhood or far afield. Not a bit of this is new or very different. Yet it invariably takes on a magic all its own., a warmth and grace that is alive, that belongs especially to Christmas and leaves us refreshed, renewed and young again.

Clark McKee returned to the Farm with the New Year. Several years ago he spent a year or more working on the staff. Recently he completed studies for his college degree, while participating in a Cleveland public school integration program. He plans now to keep busy at the Farm for a time.

Rose McKee

SCHOOL NEWS

News From the New Marlborough Central School

The Sesame Street Christmas Show, sponsored by Price Chopper Supermarkets and Freihofer Baking Company, was to have been presented on December 15th at Mt. Everett for the elementary children of the district. Child participation is a part of this program and the children selected to be participants were chosen by their fellow classmates on the basis of their: cooperativeness, helpfulness, good behavior, friendliness, courtesy, politeness, good habits on class assignments and homework. The Christmas Show had to be cancelled due to a snow storm but the children selected to represent their classrooms will be awarded certificates for being recognized as good students and citizens by their peers. They are as follows:

Monterey Kindergarden	Beth Kern
NMC Grade 1	Michael Ohman of Monterey
NMC Grade 2	Laura Kern
NMC Grade 3	Jesse Andersen
NMC Grade 4	Jamison Galarneau

Fifty-four students from Sheffield Center and New Marlborough participated in the fall Math-a-Thon activity raising a total of $489.66. All students deserve congratulations for their work and collection of contributions from their sponsors. Students raising more than $25.00 were Brinton Hodge, Christopher Thompson, Tonya Pixley, Jonah Gillooly, Jesse Andersen and Brooke Loder of Monterey. They are all from New Marlborough Central School.

The New Marlborough-Monterey PTA collected $106 for their Price Chopper Fund Day held in November and the Toy and Gift Sale made $309. Mrs. Judy Thompson, PTA President, wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way to make these events so successful.

THE PARKS COMMISSION REPORTS THAT THE VARIABILITY OF THE WEATHER HAS PREVENTED THE CREATION OF AN ICE RINK IN GREENE PARK. ANY DAY NOW, CONDITIONS SHOULD BE FAVORABLE. WATCH THE PARK FOR EVIDENCE.

YOUTH NEWS

Brownies, Juniors

On December 5, the Brownie and Junior troops of Monterey and Gt. Barrington got together and went Christmas caroling in Gt. Barrington. Also on December 8, the troops of Monterey and New Marlborough attended a Christmas workshop at the American Legion Hall in Southfield.

Cub Scouts

No meetings because of weather.

4-H

4-H got a new flyer and plan to plant Christmas trees, in the empty land behind the Bynack's house, in the Spring.

The Stablemates 4-H Club held their Christmas Party - 4-H Achievement Night on Thursday, December 11, at the Monterey home of Sherri Burkholder, 4-H Club President. The club, which is led by Jan and Tom Schneider of Gt. Barrington, was organized a year ago. The club is mainly involved with the horse proejct and its many educational activities are centered around maintenance and care of the horse.

Marsha A. Denham, 4-H Agent from the Berkshire County Extension Service, was present at the meeting to hand out the awards. Members receive pins and/or certificates for their years of completing projects in 4-H club work.

Club members are: Cindy Bozek, Ginger and Tim Curtiss, Carol and Tricia Hatch, Karen Hayes and Liz Scott.

4-H is open to any youth regardless of race, color or national origin.

Do you have a hobby or an area of special interest that you would like to share with others? The 4-H Department of Berkshire County Extension Service is seeking volunteer leaders in a wide vareity of areas. 4-H involves youth between the ages of 6 and 19 in a variety of "learn by doing" activities.

4-H is a unique program in that it is very adaptable to the leader and youth involved. There are no strict guidelines which must be followed and requirements for registering as a 4-H club are minimal; clubs should involve at least five youth and meet at least 6 times per year.

4-H is part of the Coop. Exten. Service, the educational arm of the University of Massachusetts and the USDA. 4-H is the largest co-educational youth program in the world, involving youth in 81 different countries. The 4-H organization is active on local, county, state, and national levels and many educational and exciting opportunities for members exist at each level.

4-H projects range from livestock and home management to forestry, conservation, photography, nutrition and energy, to mention a few. 4-H publications are available to leaders, free of charge, to assist them in working with their club, whatever the project area. Anything an adult would like to share, or youth would like to explore, can be part of 4-H.

The demand for volunteers is high and the time commitment is flexible. Some clubs have two leaders and divide the time between them. Our youth need positive, extracurricular activities if they are to develop into self-motivated adults. 4-H can help provide these activities and experiences.

If you would like to start a 4-H club, or would be willing to assist with one, contact the 4-H office, 46 Summer St. Pittsfield, or call 448-8285. An agent would be pleased to meet with you. 4-H is open to any youth in Berkshire County.

Ommission -- Karen Hayes was also a high honor student in the 10th grade.

Hazardous Waste (Cont. from Page 1)

been cheaper, in the short run, to "dump" them, rather than ship them to existing facilities. Consequently, our state is plagued with abandoned dump sites, which have contaminated the soil and water and which will cost millions of dollars to clean up.

In my town? Every local landfill is, to some extent, a hazardous waste dump due to years of thoughtless disposal of hazardous wastes produced in homes and small businesses. Paints, pesticides, dry cleaning and de-greasing solvents and especially waste motor oils are the most common.

What has been done? In 1976, Congress enacted the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and in 1979, the state passed the Hazardous Waste Management Act (HWMA). These pieces of legislation provide the framework for regulations covering the generation, transport and disposal of hazardous waste and have enabled the state to begin clean up and prosecution of existing dumps.

Is this enough? Our state produces 300 to 500 thousand tons of hazardous waste annually, but has facilities enough to deal with less than 10%. As unrestricted dumping ceases to be an option, out-of-state facilities are reaching capacity and the costs of transport are increasing. Clearly, Massachusetts-based industries will be looking for facilities closer to home which can provide necessary treatment and disposal.

Without these facilities, it will be difficult to enforce the regulations of the HWMA. Furthermore, a lack of facilities may force some businesses to close or relocate, with a negative impact on the state's economy.

The Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Act: What is it? In 1980, in its continuing effort to deal with the problem, the legislature enacted the Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Act. This act and the regulations which will implement it are the result of much public discussion and input.

It sets out a process by which a qualified developer might enter into negotiations with a community to site a hazardous waste treatment facility. The state acts as a facilitator, providing technical assistance monies to the community and its neighbors, so that they can fully understand the nature of and impact that such a facility might have. The community may negotiate for whatever benefits or safeguards it deems necessary and have them included in the siting agreement. No facility can be built without a siting agreement.

What kinds of facilities are needed? At present there are no facilities in the state for waste exchange or oil recovery, nor is there a secure landfill. Inadequate capacity exists for solvent recovery, aqueous treatment (detoxification through physical, chemical or biological means), and incineration.

What are the possible impacts? Impacts can range from changes in traffic and noise to spills, fires, employee exposure, odor or emissions. A well-designed and operated plant can mitigate most of these impacts although the potential for accidents always exists. It's important to remember that these impacts would be known and controllable unlike those of illegal dumping.

What kinds of safeguards can a community demand? In negotiating a siting agreement, an informed community can make specific demands about the construction, maintenance, operating and monitoring proceedures at the facility. It can negotiate compensations, benefits and services of the developer. The siting agreement could include provisions for pyaments or prepayment of taxes; renegotiations of any part of the agreement; resolution of disagreements and compensation for neighboring communities. Other safeguards might include a specially trained emergency unit paid for by the developer; insurance and bonding in the event of bankruptcy; periodic inspections by independent monitors.

The problems of hazardous waste won't just go away. But it's a problem that can be solved, if we all get informed and involved. Just start at home and at work.

If you would like more information get in touch with the Hazardous Waste Coordinator in your city or town...or call the League of Women Voters of Central Berkshire (1-413-637-0217 or 637-0198).

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met in December to construct a Budget Request worksheet, copies of which will be sent to each town department head. The information compiled from the returns on this worksheet will be the basis for the general budget making process. The budget will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting on May 1.

The Monterey Finance Committee's January meeting is January 12.

Wednesday, Jan. 6, J. Wayne Eline, Chr. of Finance Committee, Town of New Marlboro, called meeting of Finance Committees of the small towns in this area for a discussion of town financial problems and possible solutions under the restrictions of the tax levy limits of "Proposition 2½". Neither Nick Wool nor Ray Ward was able to attend, but will keep in touch with Mr. Eline and will try to be represented at any future meetings.

Nick and Ray attended the Annual Meeting of the Ass'n of Town Finance Committees in Boxbor, MA, in December, which involved a workshop for Finance Committee members. They found it very helpful.

Raymond Ward

The Monterey library will be presenting a series of childrens' films, starting this month.

The series, geared to kindergarten children, is open to the public and began on Tuesday, January 5. The films will be shown every other Tuesday from now on: January 19, February 2, February 16 and March 2. Parents are urged to call the library first, between 9:30 and 10 a.m. to be sure the film is running. The films begin at 11 a.m.

MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Did you know that the Monterey Church now occupies its third building?

In the spring of 1740 soon after the early settlers arrived it was voted to build a meeting house. Plot number one had been set aside for such a purpose.

Not until 1742 did they decide to erect a 25' square building with a desk for the minister and seats for the people. However, fear of Indian wars delayed the building until 1745. By then there were more people and plans were enlarged to a building 34' x 40' with height enough for galleries. In 1750 the meeting house was built but due to French and Indian War and dangers from marauding savages it was not completed for almost twenty years. This building is no longer standing but a stone plaque marks the location on Battelle Road near the corner of Art School Road.

More and more land had been reclaimed and settlers began moving away from hills. A more convenient spot was selected for the second church which was started in 1796. It was a larger building and served the group for many years. It stood between the Old Cemetery on Beartown Road and the Parade Common at Old Center. After our present building was erected lower in the village in 1849 the old one was sold at auction and I believe is still in Housatonic.

A village sprung up along the Konkapot using the water to power mills and factories. The old center was no longer the center of the town and the church voted to build a new meeting house in the village. The new church was dedicated in 1849.

Sally Fijux

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LOCAL LORE

EAST MEETS WEST:

THE ADAPTABLE COYOTE

by Bonner McAllester

In these days of energy conservation and the shrinking dollar, Easterners may find cross-country travel difficult and the Wild West adventure an elusive dream. Fortunately, we need not turn to Roy Rogers and Louis L'Amour for all of our western experience. One of the most characteristically western personalities, reminiscent of dusk in the desert and moonlight on the mesa, has made the long journey east to our very back yards. She has yellow eyes, a bushy tail held low, and a tawny grey coat with a dark saddle. Her name is Prairie Wolf, Song, Dog, Brush Wolf, Little Wolf, Barking Bush Dog, or Coyote. She can be heard in every New England State and has lived in Massachusetts since the 1950's.

Like many a colorful newcomer to a Yankee community, the coyote has been received with mixed response. Wildlife buffs and romantics welcome her for her exotic song and for the western nostalgia she evokes. Hunters recognize her as a worthy and elusive new species of prey with a saleable pelt, and farmers worry about the tales they have heard of marauding packs of livestock predators. The time has come to take a closer look at the new arrival.

The coyote is clearly a member of the dog family (canidae), as are foxes and wolves. It resembles a small german shepherd (about 35 lbs.), and has a wide distribution in North America, and is known as Canis latrans (Latin for "barking dog"). Biologist recognize 19 different subspecies, of which our eastern coyote is one. The coyotes of the western states are smaller and lighter in color than the eastern ones, and for this reason some people have assumed the eastern variety to be a "coydog" or cross between the small western coyote and the domestic dog. Recent studies of eastern coyotes have proved this theory wrong, however. It seems our animal is no part dog, having made the eastern journey through Canada and acquired instead some wolf characteristics along the way.

Most coyotes, east and west, live on a summer diet of mice, rabbits, squirrels, insects, crayfish, birds, snakes, frogs, turtles, berries, and plants. In winter, they depend largely upon rabbits or hares and carrion of deer (and elk and antelope in the west). As is true of domestic dogs, some individual coyotes have the habit of preying upon livestock. The rest are beneficial to ranchers and farmers as rodent-controllers and carrion-eaters.

In Massachusetts, the coyote population is estimated variously at 200 to 1,000. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife gives the higher figure and considers the coyote to be "a wildlife resource that was allowed to grow to harvestable levels and should now be harvested". Accordingly, the DFW has opened a rifle aeason on coyotes, November through February, but the sport has not caught on. In this district, six coyotes have been shot so far, their carcasses turned over to the DFW for science and their pelts to the fur trade for cash. Our Berkshire terrain provides fine cover for this eastern "resource" animal, and her coat is darker than that of her western cousin, making her hard to spot in the woods and at the same time not very valuable in the fur trade. The western coyotes are more fashionably blond.

Defenders of Wildlife and Massachusetts udubon are organizing a fight to halt the hunting and are supporting House Bill 2914 in the Massachusetts Legislature which would return the coyote to its former protected status in this state. Wherever she is found, this little dog is the focus of political and emotional controversy. Her wild song will never be forgotten by anyone who has heard it. She is primarily nocturnal and can be heard howling at dusk or at dawn, for pleasure or for warning, singly or in company. Her repetoire includes the bark, the flat howl, the warble and laugh, the yip, and the short howl. Pups and adolescents may join the chorus and have been said to "gargle and scream".

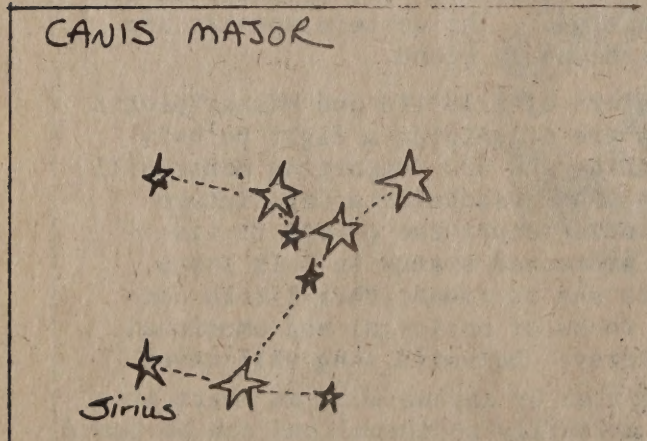
Coyotes have been seen and heard in Hartsville, Sheffield, Great Barrington, Otis and Blandford. A few lucky listeners have even heard her call on the lone prairie of Monterey.

The Hounds of Heaven

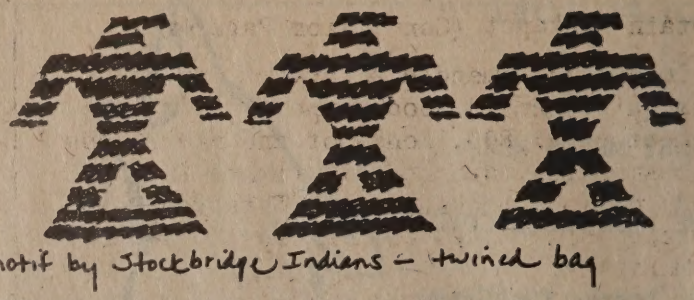
No hunter worth his salt would dream of setting out on a chase without a good hound at his heels, preferably two. Orion is such a hunter, always accompanied by his followers, Big Dog and Little Dog. A line drawn through Orion's shoulder star, Betelgeuse (the red giant) points to Procyon, the brightest of the two stars that make up Little Dog. Another line drawn through Orion's belt, but pointing a little to the south, leads to Sirius, the dog star. As always you need imagination to see a dog made up of two stars only (Canis Minor), or even many stars (Canis Major). Never mind, when you look at Sirius, you're seeing the crown jewel of the heavens, the brightest of all stars visible, a blue-white many faceted diamond.

Taurus with the Pleiades and Aldebaran, Orion with Betelgeuse and Rigel and the star factory in his belt, the dogs Procyon and Sirius, all brighten the southern skies in winter, while the fainter constellation of Lepus the Hare (a four pointed diamond just south of Orion) is oblivious to the perils that threaten all hares.

Loul McIntosh



Loul writes: "The enclosed article completes a quick run-down of the bright winter stars in the southern sky. By next month the Big Dipper will be visible again higher in the sky than it has in recent months, and maybe it will be time to take a look at the northern sky, with big dipper, little dipper, the dragon, the pole star and their circumpolar motions."



Historical Notes: Captain John Konkapot

Who was the Konkapot for whom Monterey's prinipal stream was named? He was Pophnehonmukwok, to cite his other, more Algonquinly polysyllabic, name. He first appears in documentary history in 1724 when he and 60 other Housatunnuck Indians sold the river valley from Sheffield to Stockbridge for English settlement. The price was £460, 3bbl. cider, 30 qts. rum.

Konkapot was awarded a commission as Captain in the Massachusetts militia by Gov. Jonathan Belcher in 1734. The Sachem supported the establishment of a mission at Housatunnuck, and he and his family were baptized and given Christian names in 1735. A witness describes him as a "man of fine presence" who in "deep gutteral tones" took an oath which included, in part: "...I freely and heartily forsake heathenish darkness and embrace the light of the Gospel and the way of holiness."

It was proposed that 36 sq. miles around Stockbridge be set apart for a united Indian town where the scattered valley villages could be brought together for undisturbed Christian instruction. To repay English and Dutch homesteaders who had to be moved from Stockbridge, Konkapot and his fellow sachem, Umpachene of Sheffield, gave up Housatunnuck claim to all lands from the Vermont to the Connecticut boarders and from the Province of New York to the Westfield River, roughly 1,800 square miles. Rarely has so much been paid for instruction that, in the end, did so little good. Though the missionary, John Sergeant, was a man of rare idealism and devotion, other English families invaded the little New Jerusalem with free and hearty land hunger. By 1763 the Indians realized they had given too much for too little in return, and petitioned the Legislature for financial redress. A committee of inquiry found that they had no legal

Captain Konkapot (Cont. from Page 10)

claim but recommended a payment "to keep them quiet and in good temper." With the payment of £1,800, Konkapot and his fellow tribesmen relinquished all rights to the lands outside Stockbridge. This was Konkapot's last act bearing on the history of Monterey.

David included a note to wit: "Here's the next thrilling chapter of Monterey history. Next month we'll have "What became of the Stockbridge Indians?" and then, onto first descriptions of Monterey ("a doleful, howling wilderness") and other wonders".

Davd McAllester

Plan That Garden Now!!!

January is a time to think ahead, and planning your garden is a January must. Planning now and ordering your seeds will insure your getting the varieties that you want. Careful evaluation of your available gardening time and vegetable consumption will help to eliminate those spring fever seed buying and planting sprees which often result in later disaster. Right now you still have vague recollections of last year's garden; come spring you will have forgotten how awful you felt everytime you looked over to that corner of the garden where you planted all those herbs which got lost in the weeds. You can do yourself a favor now by going to the cupboard and seeing which herbs you really use a lot of and limiting your efforts to those. Do this with the other things that you felt were not successful in your garden last year. Try to evaluate the reason for the problem. If it was the weather or a soil problem you will want to try again but if it was your lack of time or enthusiasm consider a new approach to the project. If your feeling was that the garden itself was just a huge chore, don't give up...whittle it down to a salad garden, a tomato bed or a lettuce patch. In other words plan now so that you won't set yourself up for disappointment.

Try to avoid 'putting in a garden' on Memorial Day Weekend. This leads to alot of the same kind of work, not to mention alot of the same kind of vegetable, all at the same time. It gets boring. Work up a small patch for some peas, spinach and other hardy greens in April, add more variety in May as the soil warms up and plant the very tender things in June. This way when you go into the garden you can plant a-little, weed alittle, thin alittle, eat alittle and it won't seem like such a large chore; the whole garden won't need weeding at once. This all works very well if you make yourself a planting guide now while you have the time to do the research to see when each vegetable prefers to be planted and how much each yields per foot of row. Allow a few extra feet for less than ideal conditions but don't plant that whole packet of lettuce just because you don't know what to do with the extra seeds. You'll regret it. And don't write 'plant peas' in the one box on your calendar labeled April 15. Stretch it out across the entire week. If it is a nice day on the 11th and you have the time, plant them then because it might be snowing by the 15th, or it might rain the entire week but don't feel behind schedule, if you plant them the 18th. Consider your preferences and your work habits now, plan accordingly, and stick to your decisions later on when taking on more than you can manage tempts you and I think your garden will be an enjoyable, productive venture.

In closing I must give a word of warning about dreaming through seed catalogs. They are designed to give us a premature case of spring fever and delusions of gardening grandeur. Do your planning first, then have a great time wandering through the catalogs making out your order and then set them aside and go back over your plan and order...preferably the next day when your sensibility has returned...and try to eliminate most of the whimsical items. A few are fun...too many are debilitating. Just don't leave a garden out of your warm weather plans; start thinking about it now.

Susan Sellew, Rawson Brook Farm

(Susan is offering one day classes in Gardening starting Saturday January 9 and repeating on successive Saturday mornings and probably one night during the week through March. January's topic is "Seed Selection and Basic Garden Planning". February's topic will be "Starting Seedlings Inside and More Extensive Garden Planning". March's topic will be "Planting Outside and Soil Preparation". Call Susan at 528-2138 if you are interested.)

LETTER TO EDITOR

(Fred Lancome, a local resident, accompanied this letter with a note justifying its length and promising hereafter "to remain silent for at least 6 months". Fair enough, Fred.)

A Call to Action for 1982

Life is a priceless gift, and peace, the means to preserve a nation's life, is too precious to trust to the hands of self-serving politicians and to the merchants of arms with their insatiable appetites. For the last 35 years the very same people have kept the taxpayer in an uninterrupted state of fear of the Soviet's aggressiveness at a cost of over 2000 billion dollars. Lately we have been told that the Soviets are spending a greater percentage of their GNP for their defense than we do. However in a speech at Princeton University George Kennan, former Ambassador to Russia, straightened out this half-truth pointing out that our GNP is much larger than theirs. Historians urge us to become more knowledgable about Russia's history, specifically the invasions of the Mongols, Napoleon and Hitler. The latter cost the loss of 20 million lives and the destruction of 70,000 cities, towns and villages. Such traumatic experiences in a nation's past bring about a reaction of insecurity and constant distrust of other countries that lasts for generations. We cannot disregard the effect of these historical events on Soviet attitudes and must deal with them through calm and patient diplomacy. Yet today we find ourselves in a fragile state of "non-war" with the Soviets, both super-powers exchanging verbal violence. This state of affairs is destroying the very basis for any workable relationship.

Let us remember that in World War II the Soviets were our valued allies. With our whole civilization at stake, wisdom and good will should prevail in order to rebuild this relationship. To this end we need the active help of the clergy, scientists and physicians. In fact we need the involvement of every citizen individually and through appeals to our elected officials.

At the same time every effort must be made to plan for a well organized conversion from non-productive defense-related economy to a productive peace economy. In West-Germany trade-unions are already working on such plans. Not only will conversion make for greater ecomic stability essential to international stability but it will also provide for job replacements for our workforce.

Another step we must take is to counter-balance the existence of our four military academies with the creation of a Peace-Academy. Such an institution would be an inspiration to the whole world and constitute a living proof that we are serious about peace. Finally we would be heading Prof. Einstein's warning that: "The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save the modes of our thinking, and thus we drift toward unparallelled catastrophe ... a new type of thinking is essential if mankins is to survive and move toward higher levels".

On March 17th, 1981 the North-Dakota State Legislature passed a resolution urging Congress to establish a "National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution". Let us urge our legislators to do likewise. We must learn that, as we were willing to make sacrifices during wartime, we must now direct our efforts and spending of monies toward the achievement of lasting peace.

There lies more hope in this seemingly unrealistic dream if we agree that Soviet men and women love their families and their country as much as we do ours. Out of this love comes the profound desire to avoid death and destruction, a desire both countries share.

A Call to Action (Cont. from Page 12)

President Eisenhower once said: "One day the people of the world will want peace so badly that governments will have to get out of their way and let'em have it".

Unfortunately, this administration's mindless worship of military power, scaring our allies, makes only for political ineptitude. In total opposition to this attitude former secretary of defense Robert McNamara urged us recently to realize that: "A society can reach a point at which additional military expenditure no longer provides additional security, it can erode security rather than enhance it. Clearly our definition of security is outmoded. Unless there is a different allocation of resources in the industrial nations from military development to human development in the poorest nations we shall not have a peaceful world.....We simply cannot build a secure world upon a foundation of human misery."

If we continue to disregard this advice, besides risking unimaginable human tragedy, we will risk bankrupting our economy and in the process sterilize our creative forces. Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber in his recent book "The World of Challenge" (Simon & Schuster) states: "Already now we see the end of the "American Challenge".

Indeed by now we have been overtaken by Japan which in 35 short years after destruction, impoverishment and bewilderment managed to evolve in his words : "the world's technological super-power". The author (adviser to former French President Mendes-France) ascribes this enormous flowering to "their permanent and collective quest for knowledge, be it at home, on the golf-course at work or in school".

For instance out of 60,000 robots existing in the world Japan owns 47,000, America has only 3,100. (Mitsubishi report). Confirming this state of affiars, Prof. Keith Pavitt in a seminar organized by the Rand Co. explains our dangerous decline as follows: "America is showing weakness in productivity, retreat from world-markets, decline in professional competence, reduction of research-projects. ...America has progressively concentrated it's research efforts on sectors linked only to national defense, habits and attitudes that are harmful when it is a question of entering into real competition in the world-markets of civilian equipment".

One of the consequences of this slump in productivity are the bankruptcies in the first part of 1981 which have been at the highest level in 30 years.

And French sociologist Michel Cruzier, frequent visitor to America, found a shocking psychological change in this country. From his last visit here he reported that: "He was struck by the extra-ordinary loss of vitality, the fear of change and our bewilderment".

In short all of these observations lead to the same conclusion, that due to our addiction to "defense" spending we are gradually losing our world-position, becoming impoverished in spirit and rich in military hardware.

Shortly before his death Winston Churchill made this appeal to reason: "Until peace can be a child of reason it must remain the daughter of terror".

This leaves us with a colossal responsibility to our children. We owe them not only an education that will enable them to understand an ever more complicated world but we owe them the preservation of the lives we have given them.

The year 1982 is the time to get involved and above all to stay involved in order to heed Prof. Einstein's urgent appeal for "a new type of thinking if mankind is to survive and move toward higher levels".

For further suggestions write to:
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We need more drawings, photographs, poetry, prose, lettering, opinions, personals, history, features, whatever you have!!!

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ASSORTED COMMENTS

The Monterey News is great!

Enlarged edition - very interesting - but I loved it before enlarged - quick, to the point, easy to read.

Very much enjoyed.

It's great and betting better all the time.

Although no longer a resident I still enjoy reading about it.

We shouldn't be without it.

More sex and violence!

Very informative. Give also times and dates for landfill and registration, voting, etc.

Keep up the good work!!

We love it!

We enjoy the new format very much.

Great! We like the new expanded format.

Very interesting.

I enjoy and look forward to receiving the Monterey News.

I Enjoy - Enjoy!

I think its terrific!

Love the paper.

As I am a native of Monterey, I enjoy reading the "news" to see what's going on in Monterey.

Continue the good work in keeping our community informed.

Please accept our delight and joy in the new format.

The news is better than ever. The history items were especially interesting this time.

CALENDAR

Free Coffeehouse -- Saturday, Feb. 6

The Sandisfield Arts Council presents the Mountain Laurel Band in concert:

8:00 p.m. Sandisfield Town Hall
Admission Free! Refreshments served

Country Dances:

--Saturday. Jan. 23rd, 8 p.m. at the Sheffield Grange. Mountain Laurel Band, with Pat Rust calling for experienced dancers. (528-9385).

--Saturday, Jan. 30th at the Gt. Barrington Rudolf Steiner School - The Berkshire Country Dance and Music Society presents Fred Breunig, caller, with music by Thistledown (229-7753).

--Saturday, Feb. 13th,8 p.m. at Sheffield Grange. Mountain Laurel Band, with Penelope Naumann calling for beginners, children welcome. (528-9385).

La Leche League: Eileen Clawson would like to remind everyone that the local La Leche League, an organization for women interested in breastfeeding, meets once a month. A new series is beginning this month, as follows:

January 20	"Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Baby"
February 17	"Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties"
March 17	"Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby"
April 21	"Nutrition and Weaning"

The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in a member's home. For information and directions, please call Eileen at 528-4835 or Rita Zola in Gt. Barrington at 528-9179.

Deadline for decisions on the slides made during the 1981 Energy Contest by Carole Allen of Yankee Magazine is January 23. See descriptions of slides at Walsh's Mobile Station.

Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield (FREE)

Jan. 19 - Film: "The Merry Widow" (1934) Operetta by Lehar. Jeanette MacDonald, Maurice Chevalier

Jan. 26 - Art/Lit: "Andrew Wyeth, Robert Frost and New England Landscape". Patrick Stewart, Williams College.

Feb. 2 - Film: "Advise and Consent" (1962). Henry Fonda, Charles Laughten

Feb. 9 - Arts: "Restoration or Reproduction". Terry & Beverly Hallock.

Feb.16 (Part I) Film:"Gone with the
Feb.23 (Part II) Wind" (1939). Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable, Olivia de Haviland, Leslie Howard.

Simon's Rock College, Gt. Barrington (8:00 Fridays, 7:00 Sundays) ($1.00 - adults, $.50 - children)

Jan. 22 & 24 - Film: "Birth of a Nation" and "1776".

Jan. 29 & 31 - Film: "Potemkin" and "The Front".

Feb. 5 & 7 - Film: "The General" and "Blazing Saddles".

Feb. 12 & 14 - Film: "To Die in Madrid" and "Going in Style".

The dates for our next Battered Women's Training Session for volunteers to service the Women's Services Center hotline are:

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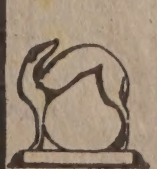

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